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ALMA

Visitors. The Most Rev. Joseph Burzio, Titular Archbishop of Gortina and Apostolic Nuncio to Cuba, made a brief visit to Alma on May 18.

Fr. Frederick Shwendimann (Austria) of the Roman Curia, gave a talk to the Community on April 27. The talk concerned the Apostleship of Prayer, of which Father Schwendimann is Director General.

Fr. Hugh Duce visited Alma from April 28 to May 4 for colloquies with the Theologians.

Mexican Missions. Messers. Paul Hilsdale and Donald Kolda had an outing on April 19 for 12 older children, their helpers, during the present year, in teaching the younger children.

First Holy Communion took place at Jackson Street Mission, San Jose, on May 24. Twenty-five youngsters made their reception. Confirmation, administered by Bishop Merlin Guilfoyle, was received by 20 of the Missions' young people at San Patrick's Church, San Jose, May 12.

Examinations. Semester exams were given April 28. Examinations "ad gradum" began on May 4.

House Picnic. The First Year Theologians, under the direction of Mr. Frank Gallagher and Mr. Stafford O'Leary (Ore.), honored the Fourth Year Fathers, April 20, with the Spring House Picnic. Because of rain, the event was presented at Alma rather than at Phelan Park. At dinner, Mozart's comic "Venerabilis Barba Capuchinorum" was presented by Fr. Daniel Harkin, Messrs. James Menard, Gordon Keys (Ore.), and Leonard Kaufer (Ore.) Fr. Francis Menager (Ore.) presented two Eskimo songs, and a quartette, comprised of Messrs. John Shanks, Joseph Caldwell, Joseph Costa, and Eugene Toner (Ore.), sang a parody. Frs. Charles Miller (New Orleans), Daniel Harkin, and John Murphy (Ore.), also sang. Br. Lloyd Carmichael played the piano for a songfest that followed dinner.

Salesian Outing. The Salesian Theologians, at Aptos, entertained Fr. Rector (Hilary Werts), four fathers of the Faculty, and 30 Theologians at luncheon and a softball game, on May 7. Alma won the game, 19 to 10, Mr. Charles Henry, pitching.

Mr. Leahy. Mr. Daniel Leahy (Maryland), returned to Alma on May 5, after attending the funeral of his father in New York City. Mr. Leahy had recently been called home by the death of his mother.

AZUSA

Retreats. During April and May retreat groups to capacity are had; (about 35 men in each group). The first weeks of May brought the Loyola High School Seniors for their retreats, under the direction of Frs. Walter Hancock and Gerald Nagle. Frs. James Rooney and George Crowley of the High School accompanied the boys.

Building. Final approval of plans for the new chapel were received from Rome on May 8. The ground-breaking is expected very soon, with a late Fall com-

pletion hoped for. The chapel will be Norman-chateau style, conforming in architecture to the main building. It will seat 100.

Activities. Fr. John Odou, at the end of April, gave a week-end retreat at the Franciscan Retreat House in Phoenix.

Fr. Nagle presented a day of recollection for the Seniors at Mt. St. Mary's College.

Fr. Joseph Vaughan gave a day of recollection at Mayfield School in Pasadena.

BELLARMINE

Victory. Saturday, April 25, was an epic day at Bellarmine. The day was one of victories over a field of varied activities. In the morning, the Varsity and Junior-Varsity Baseball Teams were successful over Watsonville and Junipero Serra (of Monterey). In a three-way swimming meet with Monterey and Carmel, Bellarmine won in both divisions. The afternoon activities, in forensics, at Fresno, saw Bellarmine take two firsts in debating, a first in oratory, a first in oratorical declamation, with competition from 400 entries of 31 different high schols. In the evening of the same day, Gregory Tiernan, one of the students, took first place in the Northern Division of the Native Sons Oratorical Contest. (On May 15, Tiernan was named State Champion of this Contest.) At the Western Catholic Press Contest, St. Mary's College, Moraga, Bellarmine took first award in Photography, and third place in a competition including most of the Catholic high schools of the Western states. Julius Ceasar was presented on the evening of the twenty-fifth, to complete the day's triumph; with a cast of over 100. Two hundred of the students took part in the activities of the day.

Forensics. Two students, Sheehy and Jennett, won the state finals of the NFL, and will go to Denver for the National Finals soon. The state finals were conducted at Bakersfield. Bellarmine boys took second and third places in oratorical declamation; third place in oratorical extempore speaking, third place in dramatic reading. The Sweepstakes Trophy, at the close of the event, was won by Bellarmine; an award for the best school in the State for debating and oratory.

Messrs. George Aziz and Robert St. Clair are responsible for the successful year in Forensics at Bellarmine. Mr. St. Clair coached Gregory Tiernan in the Native Sons Contest. Tiernan's award was $1000.

Events. Fr. Gerald Flynn opened the May devotions, which consist in a daily talk and Rosary at Mary's Shrine on the Campus.

Father James Monaghan, Chaplain of the School, presented Career Day, with 12 experts from the leading professions, addressing the Juniors and Seniors.

Dads and Sons Day and the Awards Barbecue was a fine success. Two new portable barbecue pits, donated by the Dad's Club, made the serving of dinner a fast-moving event.

Mothers. Two days of Telephone-Bridge parties sponsored by the Mother's Club, netted Bellarmine $2600; (sufficient for six three-year scholarships).

The Jesuit Mothers, on May 24, served dinner to their families at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Saso.

Sports. The Swimming Team, under the direction of Mr. Ben Meyer, won 10 out of 12 meets; (the indomitable Berkeley team falling to Bellarmine). The Golf Team, directed by Mr. William Phipps, has taken eight out of 11 matches.

EL RETIRO

Activities. Six of the eight men recently named Knights of Malta in the San Francisco Archdiocese are El Retiro retreatants.

A new staircase has been erected from the courtyard to Pereira Hall. Two new parlors and three needed conference rooms have been made available.

An annual Communion Breakfast will follow Mass at the Mission Chapel, University of Santa Clara, June 21. It is an event for retreatants of Santa Clara County. Mr. John Hayes of San Jose is in charge.

Col. Hans Christian Adamson, companion of Eddie Rickenbacher in his famous war experience, made a retreat at El Retiro recently.

Priests. The first retreat for priests was conducted on May 3.

NOVITIATE

Rector's Day was celebrated on May 6. Twenty visitors were guests of the house for dinner. In the evening, the Juniorate Players, under the direction of Father Silva, presented "Henry IV, Part I." The Juniors defeated the Novices by a score of 6 to 3 in the annual baseball game.

At the invitation of Rev. Father Rector, Messrs. Reidy and Greeder of Stanford University with Fathers W. Monihan and Schechtel made a general survey of the Juniorate library and offered advice for its improvement.

Juniorate. "Resolved: that the United States government should provide adequate medical care for all its citizens" formed the subject of the last debate of the scholastic year. Brothers Germann and Arenz represented the Affirmative against Brothers Deeney and C. Buckley. The judges from Alma, Messrs. Hilsdale, Wright, and Robinson, awarded the victory to the affirmative.

Father Hagemann gave the renovation tridum. Father Duce conducted his annual "studies" visitation of the Juniorate. Father Howard arrived to speak with the Juniors individually about work in the Sodality.

Novitiate. Brother Frank Donnelly arrived from Los Angeles this month to begin his postulancy as a Coadjutor. Father Cornelius Deeney of Santa Clara has been giving the Novices a series of talks on Sacred Scripture.

Visitors. On May 18, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph Burzio, Papal Nuncio to Havana, was a dinner guest. His Excellency delivered a short talk to the community and requested Father Rector to give a holiday in honor of the Holy Father. On April 28, Father Schwendimann, the Director General of the Apostleship of Prayer, arrived to speak to the community about the Apostleship of Prayer. Father is traveling throughout the world, at the request of Very Reverend Father General, to speak to all the members of the Society on the subject. Father Rice talked to the Juniors and Novices about the work of the Jesuit Seminary Association. During this month, Father F. Menager and Budde made retreats at the Novitiate.

Varia. On April 22, the feast of the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Father Minister (Charvet) celebrated the community Mass at the Shrine. On May 17, Father Charlton gave a day of recollection at Bellarmine to the members of the Third Order of Saint Francis.

LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL

For the third year in a row, Loyola High is represented in the finals of the Hearst Oratorical Contest. Mike Curtain, a Senior, is the representative in Milwaukee.

On May 18 the annual "Fiesta" was held on the school grounds. The feature of the day was the raffling of a Packard automobile. The raffle was financially very successful.

On April 25 a testimonial dinner was held in honor of Mr. Bill Barnett commemorating his 25th year at Loyola. There were present over 500 friends of Loyola and Mr. Barnett. To add to the occasion Mr. Barnett's mother came from the East for the fete. In recognition of his service, the Dads Club presented him with a very generous check.

On May 2, about 400 boys took the entrance exam. About 260 will be accepted for freshman year. A boy from St. Augustine's won the four year scholarship.

Graduation this year will be held June 6, at 10:30 a.m. The ceremony will take place on the lawns in front of the school.

Floyd Sichi, a senior, was awarded a scholarship by the Lockheed Aircraft Co., a four year full scholarship to any school in the country, plus $500 a year expenses. Sichi decided to attend the University of Santa Clara.

The Varsity Baseball Team, under the guidance of Fr. John Gaffney, won the Catholic League title last week by defeating St. Anthony's 5-2. They now go into the C.I.F. playoffs.

The Senior Prom was held at the Bel-Air Country Club.

Student Elections are taking place. Howard Johnson and Francis Conn are candidates for presidency.

SAN FRANCISCO

University. Four University alumni were honored by the Holy Father. Three were named Knights of Malta, one was named a Knight of St. Gregory.

Fr. President (Wm. Dunne) was appointed co-chairman with the State Board to visit San Jose State College, for accreditation by the WCA. He is appointed chairman for the visitation to Marin Junior College, by the same organization.

The traditional President's Day was May 6. The day began with Mass offered in the Church for the entire student body. Fr. President celebrated the Mass. Various athletic events filled the morning and afternoon, with a lunch on the campus for the Students. The Community celebrated the occasion with a dinner in honor of Father President that evening.

A Federal Loan of $1,000,000 was granted the University for construction of a residence hall for students. Proper authorization has been received from Father General to erect the building.

A blood-drive on the campus for the Armed Forces, resulted in

the spontaneous response from the student body of 250 pints of blood.

The University Sodality participated in the Mary's Hour, celebrated at the Cathedral in SF.

The University Rifle Team won the National Championship from all other colleges and universities from the Army-Navy-Marine-Air Force groups.

Professor Raymond Early, of the English Department, is named one of the editors of the college edition of the "Webster's Dictionary."

The University Law School captured the Northern California finals at the current state-wide Inter-Law School Moot Court competition.

Church. A procession and crowning of the statue of the Blessed Mother was held on May 3. Fr. Joseph King preached the sermon.

A stained glass window honoring St. Mathias, has been erected in the Church.

The Jesuit Mothers held their annual Communion-Breakfast on Mother's Day.

Mission Band. Fr. John Brolan preached a mission to the inmates of the SF County Jail, the second given there. It was received enthusiastically.

UNIVERSITY OF SANTA CLARA

Fr. President. Fr. President (Herman Hauck) attended the Western College Assn. committee meeting in LA late in April. On April 30, he addressed members of Phi Beta Kappa, at their Northern California meeting, at Stanford University. His subject was "Philosophy and the Criticism of Art." Fr. Edward Shipsey attended with Father. Fr. President represented the University, May 1, at the innauguration of President Wahlquist of San Jose State College (San Jose).

Student Body. The annual celebration in honor of St. Joseph, patron of the University, was held on April 22. Special exercises took place at the Shrine, with the entire Student Body in attendance. Addresses were given by Fr. President and James McMahon, president of the Student Body.

Thirty-four candidates were received into the Sodality, on May 4, by Fr. Roger McAuliffe, assisted by Mr. James Sweeters.

The annual Ryland Debate, between members of the Senate and the House of Phil-Historians was held at the Adobe Lodge, May 5. Victory went to the Senate and to Richard Mondon of the Senate.

Santa Clara was host to the National Forensic League, in its Northern Division semi-finals on April 25; on May 5 the University was host to the NFL Congress, Fr. Raymond Copeland and Mr. Theodore Taheny were in charge of the events.

A portrait of the late James F. Walsh, deceased benefactor of the University, was presented to the University by the artist, the celebrated Mr. Arthur Cahill. Frs. Joseph Pociask, and Edward Boland were in charge of installing the portrait in Walsh Hall, the new Senior dormitory.

Through the kind efforts of Dr. Hilpert, of the University, a generous gift was made to the De Saisset Art Gallery Fund, by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pasetta of Santa Clara.

LIBRARY MEETING

On Sunday, May 17, the college librarians of the Province met in the Varsi Library for a morning and afternoon conference on Jesuit Library relationships. Frs. H. Duce (Province Director of Studies), F. Sheerin (Alma College), J. Schechtel and T. Marshal (Loyola U.), W. Burman (Los Gatos), W. Monihan (U.S.F.), and E. Boland (Santa Clara) actively participated in a seven-hour discussion of the various ways and means of remedying the present inadequacies of the college libraries. There was basic agreement that both the academic rating and the service value of our libraries demand of the librarians a concerted and energetic effort to maintain competent staffs and to measure up to the expectations of the academic world.

There was further agreement that a systematic effort should be made to acquaint at least the younger members of the province with library methods and with a proper evalution of the position of the libraries in our scholasticates and universities.

The meeting opened with an endorsement of Fr. F. Sheerin's article in the Jesuit Educational Quarterly (Vol. 14, 1951-52) on "The Librarian in a Jesuit College," and though some of the agenda had to be postponed for lack of time to the next meeting, the subject matter was fairly well discussed in these two sessions.

This first librarians' meeting ever held in the Province was very successful, and the librarians look forward to greater gains from these conferences in the future. The next meeting is planned for November, with Fr. T. Marshall as chairman.

RECENT DEATHS

Fr. James A. McCarl, on April 21, in Philadelphia.

The father of Br. Francis Uyeda (Japan).